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Jehovah's Chosen Square.

Revelation Thereof. July 29th. 1842.

The Ministry being invited by the Holy Angel of Victory to go and view Jehovah's Chosen square, they, with six of the Elders of the Church & six chosen Instruments, marched to the borders thereof where they kneeled in holy reverence & solemn fear, and were made welcome by the holy Angels of victory & perfection; We were then told by the mighty Angel that we must march up beyond & round the East house & then march down the lane westwardly until we came opposite or in a south direction from where we were now standing. Elder John asked if we should perform it now, or postpone it until another time? this was left with the wisdom of the Ministry. The Angel then spake through another Instrument & said, in union with the Ministry & Elders, it was the desire of the Holy Angels & our heavenly Parents, that we should perform the circuitous march above described, & that when we came down to a strait south line from where we then stood, that Father Joseph, Mother Lucy & a large company of the Heavenly host would meet us there. & that we should receive compasses that would direct us to the chosen spot, where God had designed to make known his word & will to his people for generations to come. In obedience to the word of the Angel, We took our march with slow and solemn

steps until we entered the Orchard, where we stopped to rest a little. I have raised my eyes & behold! a little eastward I saw legions of dark spirits enclosed in the shades of darkness, which struck my soul & body with terror; they seemed to behold us with fear and surprise — I said nothing about what I saw, but we again marched on our way leaving these dark regions. Then two other Instruments (Brethren) spake & said "we have past the regions of darkness and den of devils" — Then the Angels sung a song of victory which we hailed to learn, we the then sung & marched to the sounds, going on west, until we came to the line leading north to the Chosen square, where Father Joseph & the holy company met us & gave us the before-mentioned Compasses which, he said, (if we would receive in faith), would direct us strait, without fail, & that we should have an assurance & evidence, that we had found the chosen and holy ground, where God had placed his holy pool of living waters — We then took our compasses in our right hands, and every needle pointed strait North, which each instrument beheld with clearness & testified the same. — We then resumed our march, singing our beautiful song of victory, till we called a halt & Eldress Betsy & a large company met us & gave us wine and refreshment, & the sweet fruits gathered from the tree of hope & consolation, the leaves of which are streaked with light & all the colours of the rainbow — We again took up our march for the holy Ground & soon arrived there, when we were met by the heavenly & Angelic hosts & welcomed by seven solemn

blasts from their trumpets, & the Angels sung a song of welcome, welcome to this holy ground. The holy Angel of Victory spoke and said, "This is holy and Sacred ground, & tread it not but in the Holy Fear of God, & know ye all, that your feet stand upon the holy ground which God hath chosen for his people, & where Angels delight to worship Him, & drink of the pure waters of His Fountain & Eat the sweet fruits that grow in His holy grove". — The Angel again said, This is holy ground, & in union with the Ministry I will lead Brother Oliver to the centre of the square & fountain" which he then did — We & then all followed to the centre, where is the beautiful fountain of living waters — We then received a greater portion of the overwhelming power of God, which each soul testified and acknowledged — Then it was, that the Holy Throne was seen whereon sat the holy Angel of Victory, it was witnessed by three or four of the Instruments at the same time — Then the Angel of Victory spake from the Throne & said, In union with the Ministry we might bow seven times in union with the Angels, & then March seven times round the Square. this we did, singing many songs of praise, as we march'd round the Fount, We then Kneel'd & gave thanks for the many blessings we had received — When we arose, one of the instruments said he truly felt the living power of God, and the strength of his love, in which we all united, yea, That we had never felt more of his sublime & holy power at any time — The same Instrument continued — I behold the beauties of Heaven a little south of this holy ground — I see beautiful bowers of grapes — the vines run upon high and large trees — some look as the they were forty

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feet high loaded with grapes, & the whole square is bordered with fruit bearing trees, & there are many trees bearing fruit which were taken from the Earth, when man, through transgression fell from God; but the fruit was reserved for his people who would serve him in this day. Others bore witness to the same. — Another spake & said, thus saith the Holy Angel: "Think not strange that ye have been led so far around to encompass this holy ground for it was ever thro' sufferings that the people of God obtained the fulness of his promise. Therefore he has purposed to prove & try his people in every dispensation of his goodness: know ye not that he promised to lead the ancient Israelites to the land of Canaan - a land flowing with milk and honey? yet he led them in many crooked and winding paths thro the Wilderness to prove & try their souls; but he will never forsake the honest and obedient. — Then spake another & said, I behold the holy fountain of waters - and the large and beautiful Tree of Victory, whose branches overshadow it far around — It was here saith the Angel of Victory, that your holy Mother Ann mingled her tears with the waters of this pool, Yea it was under this beautiful tree of Victory that she sat and wept and offered up her prayers to her heavenly Father that she might find a place in the hearts of her children in this place. — The Angel then said, that the Ministry might gather and eat of the cheering fruits of Victory, while the angels would hold down the branches in their reach - then we might all partake of this precious fruit, & gather round the pool and drink of its holy waters. — We then ate of the precious fruit of the tree

of Victory & drank of the Waters of the holy Fountain, & sung & danced & truly felt the love & power of God to overflowing; Then spake the Angel of perfection saying:

"From this place will God sound forth his word to his people in days of sore tribulation, & this chosen square shall be a place where God's people shall assemble & receive the words of their heavenly Father when heavy persecution sorrow and tribulation encompass them around on every side — Extend not your bounds far beyond the line on the East, for behold there is a region of dark & wicked Spirits, who, in the days of sorrow will try to afflict the people of God — but the holy bounds shall spread far to the north, & other holy ground shall be seen far in the North, where God will speak his holy Word to his people. Fear ye not when ye shall see hundreds and thousands gather round you to persecute and afflict you; for God will sound forth his word from this place to strengthen & comfort his people forever & ever, through every scene of Tribulation — Tho the wicked may have power to persecute and afflict, yet they shall never have power to overthrow the Work of God.."

We then expressed our feelings in relation to the solemnity of the place, an instrument spake, showing the entrance gate, & read the writing placed thereon, in large letters, Another told of the small pools on either side called the Pools of repentance & the beauty of the wall that surrounded the holy ground, & the trees which formed a border round it, stating also that on the North East was the beautiful grove of love, thro which Mother Lucy said she would gently lead her Children, to refresh their weary Souls, when their souls should be called to labor under severe tribulation.

We then returned home.

First Meting of the Church at the Chosen Square. Description thereof.

Sab. Aug. 18th 1844. —

The "chosen square" is a square spot of ground lying in a North Easterly direction about a half mile distant from the Meting house containing exactly $\frac{2}{3}$ of an Acre. & in the centre of this is a smaller square, containing 324 square feet or it is 18 ft square, around which temporary railing is fixed to designate it — This small square is a holy fountain of the Lord, whence proceed the holy cleansing & purifying Waters of life. — This Chosen spot was discovered by instruments of mortal clay, some days since, that is to say, on the 29 of July last, on whom was bestowed power from the most high, to discern spiritual objects & the beauties of this Chosen Square: & to tell the boundary thereof —

Sabbath. August 18. 1844.

This morning while we were at the breakfast table Elder Br Stephen Spining informed us that we would assemble at the Meting house at 8 A.M. — Accordingly the Chh met there at the appointed time. bowed as we entered the Sanctuary — After singing a hymn Elder John informed us, that we would assemble at Jehovah's Chosen Square, that we would march 4 abreast — 2 brethren & two Sisters — the Ministry going before — the Singers next,

then the Aged — middle aged, youth and children; but before we proceeded he desired we should bless each other, & bestow a particular portion on the instruments, desiring that they should be entirely unfettered, & speak unembarrassed all that should be given them — We then shook off & stript ourselves of all that might have a tendency to keep out the influence of the holy spirit —

Elder Br. informed us that our good Mother Lucy, had good union with our going & that our heavenly Parents would be in attendance We then proceeded in solemn order stepping to the sound of music — when we were nearly half way on our journey we halted & blew 3 solemn blasts on our golden trumpets as a summons for the invisible host — We then proceeded as before till those in front came near the Entrance of the Square which is on the West side — We halted, & Elder John said, if any of the instruments had any word to speak before we entered, to be free. — We were then informed that Mother Lucy & Eldress Betsy Hastings & a large company of Holy Angels were present & had brot 4 baskets of heavenly Manna & vials of the wine of sensation & placed them round the fountain for all to feast upon — We were also informed that there were two pools one on each side of the gates for all to wash in before they entered — Which we all did — At this time A mighty Angel from the Throne of our Eternal Father appeared and said, that the writing on the gates should be read in the hearing of all the Assembly that they might know what was required of all

before they entered on this holy and consecrated ground — The following are the words as I understood them. "Holiness, purity, and Eternal truth. I do require of all who enter on this holy ground; for here is where the Angels of heaven do meet to worship one your God." — We now entered in order & the Angelic host that was present greeted us with a song of welcome — Father William appeared & spoke a few words advising all not to give way to doubts & unbelief, but for all to be free & willing to receive all that the Holy Angels and our heavenly Parents had for us — When we were all entered we surrounded the Fountain & after receiving a few words from E. John We formed in order 4 abreast & proceeded to march round inside of the Square stepping to the sound of Music singing the verse that was given the day the Holy ground was discovered — We then assembled round the Fountain — when the Holy Angel of Power & the Holy redeeming Angel appeared — the latter desired to speak if there was union; liberty was given & the Holy Redeeming Angel said: That, more power, more light, more strength & more blessings from the Eternal Father of all mercies were given in this day, than in any preceding age of the World — That the Lord God of Heaven and Earth was at work in the land — That his word was full of power — that it would go to search the hearts and try the reins of all people — that it would shake all that could be shaken, that that which could not be shaken might remain, Yea thus saith the Holy Redeeming Angel. Listen all ye that are called to speak the word of the Lord, or that of His

Holy, and ministering Angels — divest yourselves of every hindrance & be free to move at his word & will. & be ye careful to speak every word, every sentence exactly as it is given you by the Mighty Spirit of God without alteration, addition or diminution — remember I say, slight not the power that is suffered to fall upon you, slight not the great privilege that is given you to sound forth the words of your Eternal Father & most holy Mother; for great, great is the responsibility that rests upon you for the use you make of your privilege, & awful is your accountability if you slight or abuse it; Yea, saith the Angel, remember the truths which I now speak unto you through my sounding Trumpet; let nothing bind you; for if you suffer yourselves to be bound by the chains or bands of death, so that my words go not forth in their purity, & in the power with which they are given you; remember, there are bands & chains that will bind you in the lowest depths of Hell! — Nay verily, ye shall not receive a gift of Inspiration & it not be the truth — Ye shall not smother it, so that it shall not be heard by all people to whom it is sent, nay by no means: but be ye faithful & I will bless you with strength, I will bless you with confidence; my blessing ye shall have — Fear not but take courage; for the love & blessing of your ever blessed parents shall be distilled upon you as the dews of Heaven, to bear you thro' when persecution & tribulation roll on: so be ye faithful in the most holy work into which ye are called.

This word was witnessed by other instruments besides the speaker —

We were now informed that a band of bright Angels marched round us while we were marching round the square, also that they had brot two large baskets of provision & placed them at E. John's Seat, which were to be placed upon the tables for us to feast upon, which were on each side of the Fountain — El. John said we would first partake of the Baskets of Manna, & also of the vials

of sensation blind, which we did, after we had partaken, we thanked the Holy Angels simultaneously in these words.

"I thank the holy Angels for these good presents" repeated the sentence 3 times.

There was a roll of love & simple Freedom placed on the right sholder of each one which we were to take off and roll out to each other — We were also informed that there was a bright Angel at each corner of the fountain, who desired us to make use of our golden trumpets, to call more Angels — for know ye said they, Satan is at work & will work; and just in proportion as God's work increases, so Satan will increase his work — they desired if it was in union, that the singers form & sing a lively song of praise to God, so that all could unite in the dance & labor the power & gifts of God — blessed Father William & Father James united in the same, & desired that we might free our souls from all bands — The name of blessed Mother Ann was announced which animated the assembly, her presence as well as that of our holy Savior was witnessed by many voices — Our blessed Mother Ann welcomed us to this blessed spot — She said when she first visited us she could not find that entrance she desired & that she retired to this spot & kneeld down with tears in her eyes & prayed to our Heavenly Father, that power might be given to enable us to sense the day in which we lived — that the spirit of true repentance might find room in our hearts & make room for ministering

spirits, so that she might be able to do the work that she came to do. She asked us if we could not bow low & receive what she had brought for us at this time, now while we were blest by our parents in heaven & with the gifts of God Almighty — Mother's love was then showered over the assembly, we kneeld & bowed with many expressions of thankfulness &c.

Mother Lucy then desired to speak, she said we had been greatly blest even for many years — and is there any yet to this day that have not sensed it & are ashamed to say they are thankful to the source of all good & to their blessed & heavenly Parents, who have fed & clothed them with the food of Angels & garments of Holiness & nourished them with the waters of life. —

Truly says Mother Lucy, who cannot be thankful & bless the day in which they do enjoy the pleasures of the house of God & the protection of his holy Angels to the present day. —

Father David And Mother Ruth & a large company who had formerly lived here came to meet with us & all bowed low in thankfulness for us & to meet and unite with us on this blessed occasion — We also bowed in thankfulness — Mother exhorted us to put away all bondage, as we went forth in the dance west of the fountain — The mighty power of the Most High fell on the multitude & they leaped & shouted & reeld to & fro under the irresistable power of the Holy Spirit — the influence of holy love was visible throughout the assembly. An instrument said that the streams of love were pouring down

from the heavens like streams of fire all over the Chosen Square. I could testify that it was the spirit of the Most High God — In the mean time Blessed Mother Ann bestowed her blessing upon the Beloved Ministry. I returned her thanks to them; for the gift they had maintained in this part of the Lords vineyard, stating that she was well satisfied and pleased with their labors — She then placed crowns of victory & glory on the heads of all the good Bros and Sisters like unto the Angels of heaven! — The good Ministry were then commissioned to speak the following words to the assembly — May the Love, Holy reverence and fear of God rest upon this little flock. As they walked round & spake the words they were accompanied by the Holy Savior, Mother Ann, Father Joseph & Mother Lucy — The Holy Savior now desired if in union with the Lead, for all to testify, in short, their thankfulness for the blessings of the gospel, & faith in the work of God. We were also told that good Br Stephen Williams was here, & that Br Francis Whyte formerly of Sc. Union was here, & had blessed & strengthened the singers — Also We were informed that Mother Ann had brot, a bright band of love divine for her children, with her name written therein which she put round each one of her faithful Children — said it would be a safeguard to every honest soul — & desired that every one might keep it bright by faithfulness — We kindly thanked Mother for this pretty present —

We now formed in order and sat down on the green for the purpose of complying with the Holy Savior's gift & call to speak our faith &c after this was attended to, Elder John proposed that there should be an intermission of 10 minutes — the Brethren occupying the South, the Sisters the North of the Square — said he hoped good Order would be kept. —

10 minutes expired — We now blew our trumpets and assembled round the Fountain — & were told that the tree of peace grew in the S. East corner of the square — The Holy Savior requested all the Bro under the age of 38 to go & gather of the fruits & give to the rest. & for those not engaged in gathering the fruits to sing a solemn Anthem of praise — We marched off and gathered the fruits of the beautiful tree with expressions of faith & thankfulness & returned to the Fountain and by the direction of the Ministry, we marched round the Fount waving out our treasures on the assembly — At this time the Beautiful trees of innocence were seen growing that is spoken of in the first chapter. — Blessed Mother Ann desired all the younger part to gather fruit from the tree of victory, to help us break our bands more than we ever had done, that we might be able to testify our faith before millions and be firm and strong pillars in the house of God — She exclaimed, O is there one on this ground who will deny me after all that I have done for them?! O is there one that will be ashamed to own me their loving Mother before a wicked World!? — O my Children hearken and hear my word, prepare, prepare, put not off your day — put not off the time to do the

work in your souls that God requires of you, prepare, I say prepare ye for the visitation of your God, & delay not; for know ye it is near at hand — prepare & right all wrongs that ye may be met in mercy receive ye this as a kind word from your blessed Mother. —

She then addressed all under 18 years of age saying:

"Hear my words my beloved little Ones: I have words to sound unto you which I desire you to treasure up in your hearts; Remember dear children, the gospel which is given to you, & its blessings which ye now enjoy, how were they gained? — know ye it was through deep tribulation and sufferings of spirit, and in this line only has any soul the promise of sharing in its blessings — But remember and forget it not; The God of all goodness is watching over you in mercy; He is noticing you day by day for good — every trial you have to pass through, every temptation you have to encounter, he notices you and sends his Angels of strength to help you. know ye, the time will come when Zion shall shine as the rainbow in the morning, & if you will only put on meditation & bear patiently what is designed for you, you will feel that heavenly comfort, that is far beyond the power of the tongue of mortals to describe, nay, it will be unutterable by any power, save that which gave it, — the bright and shining crowns of glory with which you will be crowned, far surpasses any thing that you are in any way able to conceive — the indescribable felicity you will feel, will cause you to cry out enough, enough! enough!! — Yea I your Mother do know that you will confess, that your God has rewarded you for all your toils and troubles — Remember this: confession & repentance shall wipe away all past offences, & if you are honest, when all is done, you shall leap for joy, for your sorrows are past, & say all is done that can be done to complete your happiness. Keep nothing back from the order of God, be faithful & you shall in the end be saved."

Blessed Mother Ann now gave us a beautiful robe, with 15 Diamonds in each Robe & also another presents which she said was a small one & yet it was a large one — It is perfect resignation under all crosses & trials" — She exhorted us all to gather strength in the day that it was offered — Saying also, keep your faith & it will keep you" — She now gave the Ministry a roll of her love with many words written therein which is to be revealed in some future time. — We then all received Golden cups & drank the Water of the holy Fountain — had a gift of freedom — exchanging & sponging one another & gathering the flowers of Paradise that were around the Fountain —

The 4 bright Angels that guarded the tree of Victory, gave two Cages of white dove to the Ministry who opened the cages that all might catch one — We now formed in order at the tables & partook of the good things which were set therein — & we were advised by our heavenly Parents to partake in the fear of God — After we were done feasting We all gathered round the Fount & at Elder Brother's desire we kneeld & bowed in thankfulness for the blessings of the day — rose & marched home in the same order we came in; having been absent about 5 hours. — ——— ——— ——— ———

Chosen Square. Sabbath. August 17th 1845.

This day being appointed for the whole society to meet at the chosen square; We accordingly met at the Meeting house at the hour of 8. o. clock A.M. which was previously agreed upon. Meeting open'd as usual by singing an Anthem, after which Elder John Spake a few words, stating the great privelege we enjoy'd. He consider'd our gift strengthen'd by the assembling of all the families, exhorted us to prize our privelege &c &c. He then read the following communications ——— First: Hear O Israel and harken O Ye inhabitants of Zion, in this place, for behold I have purpos'd this day to meet with You in my chosen square, there to bless the humble honest soul.

But harken for behold I have a word of warning to those who regard not my sayings, and who turn a deaf ear to the warning voice of my holy annointed. ——— Thus saith the Lord, the everlasting fountain and source of all good. It is my will at this time that all who have not prepar'd themselves by an honest confession of all Known sin, that they retire from this place quietly to their homes, and there labor for a gift of repentance and Godly sorrow for the same.

And this is my promise unto them in that labor. I will pour out my Spirit of conviction upon them, and aid them in honesty to confess the wrong. But behold I do charge You, that Ye come not into my presence, even into the place

of my choice, with any cover'd abomination, for if Ye do instead of a blessing, Your souls will be blasted with a curse, and who is he, who shall wipe away the stain of his folly.

But draw near unto me, Ye who tremble at my word, and fear at my warning voice, Ye who have prepar'd Your souls according to my requirement, for I have words of Comfort & consolation for You at this time; Yea, I say draw near unto me, and be cloth'd with my holy fear, for I have sent unto You a bright band of my Holy Angels, who will clothe You with holiness purity and love, and Ye shall rejoice in my presence. _____

Second communication. _____ Hear, O Zion, and give ear unto my word, O, Ye Children of the Holy Vineyard of God! While I the holy Angel of his power and judgement do sound forth unto You, his word of solemn and sacred warning, which I have purpos'd to give unto You, before Ye enter in at these gates, to worship the high and holy one who inhabiteth Eternity; For I solemnly warn You to indulge no manner of Vanity or lightness while You remain upon this sacred ground, on which he has plac'd his holy name, to be worship-ed in the beauty of holiness, and the solemn fear of the most high. Remember Ye are about to enter upon holy ground; therefor put from off Your feet, the shoes of Vanity, with which they are shod, and be cloth'd with the holy sacred

and solemn fear of God, that Ye may obtain his holy blessing and overwhelming power, with which he will bless every honest and sincere soul, who hath assembled here to day.

Again I warn You, mock not my holy word, unto You now neglect the same, for whether Ye believe it or not, in the end of the scene, it will be verified to You, without fail, & in obedience to the same You will be blest, but if You disbelieve, or scorn my holy warning to You, and make derision of the solemn work and power of God, which will be display'd before Your eyes, his awful judgment will sooner or later sink You from his presence, and consign You to unutterable torment from which You cannot Escape. _____ After reading these communications, and a general expression of thankfulness, for the Kind notice of the good Spirits, and some appropriate observations from Elder John; the holy Angel of Power appear'd in meeting to one of the inspir'd ones, and after asking and obtaining Union deliver'd the following address. _____ Hear, O Zion, all that are now present, It will indeed be dreadfull for any that may have to taste, and be made to feel the pain and distress, that will pertain to him who attempts to go into this holy chosen Square, with sin Knowingly cover'd. Nevertheless, if there be any who are Young and inexperienc'd in the way of God, if they do not feel in

themselves, a full and perfect state of preparation by reason of some small inaccuracies of conduct; Yet if they intend, and will make a thorough and honest opening of all these things in order, they may enter into the labors of the day, and feel a measure of blessing flow into their souls. The day is for the outpouring of the gifts and blessings of God, but the scorner, and him that willfully mocks, and speaks lightly of the blessings, gifts and power of God, here to be pour'd out on the faithful, shall suffer justly for his presumption & sin.

But let the honest go forth, be strong, and praise and bless God in the beautiful gifts and blessings of the day. _____

After Elder John had settled the order of marching, we immediately form'd in order, as follows. _____ Ministry and Elders first, next Singers of the Church, then the aged – Middle aged Youth, and Children. _____ The march being sung* we mov'd out of the house, Keeping time with the music, four abreast, two brethren and two Sisters. After marching some considerable distance we halted and blew four strong blasts on our trumpets. As we came near the Entrance of the gate, opening into the Square Elder John observ'd, that there was pure and holy water, on either side of the gate, in which we might wash and bathe, before we went into the Square; and propos'd for the Singers to take their Watering pots and Sprinkle us all from the pools, previous to our further advance, which was attended to. _____ Just before we went thro' the gate, we were met by a large company

* Singing.

of those that had gone to the Spiritual world from Union Village. They came from the glorious City, and Father James was with them; they had a roll of the fear of God, for each one of us. And with them there was a great number of Holy Angels and with them was Father David; they made us welcome to Jehovahs chosen Square by singing us a little Song. And after we went into the inclosure, and was standing by the pool, many testified to the presence of Father William, Mother Ann, and Father James. _____ While washing and bathing in the pool we bow'd four times in token of our thankfullness for our blessed privelege of using these holy and purifying waters in company with our heavenly Parents, and so many good Angels and purified Spirits. _____ While we stood around the pool; Elder John remark'd, that the Scriptures said "It has not entr'd into the heart of man to conceive of the good things that were laid up in store for the faithful &c &c". He said who amongst us all, could, or would have thought fifteen Years ago, that we would have had the privelege of being call'd here in Jehovahs chosen Square, to strengthen our needy souls in this pure fountain, in the presence and in the company with our heavenly Parents, and all these blessed Spirits and holy Angels. _____ Also Father William, Mother Ann and Eldress Betsy, said wash and bathe in this purifying water, and asked us if we did not consider it a privelege to thus purify and

strengthen our souls in the cleansing waters of this pool.

Mother Ann espress'd a feeling that the Younger part should stand a little back, and the aged should come forward, and wash and bathe, while she would bestow upon them her most particular and Special blessing. She then pour'd her holy Anointing oil on the aged, & they wash'd bath'd, and drank freely from the purifying fountain. And after them the Younger classes again drew near, and continued to drink wash and bathe in the overflowing fountain, while Eldress Betsy was seen to be showering her blessings on these classes, and desiring them thro' the inspir'd ones to receive her blessing and Love. And while the Elders and aged ones were bathing and drinking, Mother Ann was seen pouring over them in great abundance her holy anointing oil, with directions for them to be liberal and distribute freely to all the Younger branches of the body, that all might feel her strength, and partake of her blessing. _____ at this time there was almost an incessant stream of communication from the attending Angels, and our heavenly Parents. ____ One said, he saw enter the Chosen Square, a very large body of holy Spirits, bright and strong; they enter'd at the N.E. quarter of the square, and form'd in two long rows, Eldress Betsy was at their head, and she requested that the brethren and sisters would labor a quick sing, and in that labor gain the good that is for them. It was her request that all labor from the music that will be made by the singers in the Heavenly company

that are with her, and that there be no other music. She desired all to labor just as they felt to, without any regard to form or ceremony; that in that uncontroll'd freedom they might gain the beautiful gifts which were in store for them.

Mother Ann at this time requested us to gather freely, & gather much freedom and simplicity for such pretty gifts well become her faithful and good children, and this was particularly said unto Father Josephs class, they were counsel'd to come up to the help of the Lord, to be diligent to gain the precious gifts of God, and faithful to keep them safely thro all time, they were advis'd by Mother & Eldress Betsy to come low, to bow low in humiliation, and gain & gather these beautiful gifts, and secure the substance by obedience; not be backward but quicken'd in spirit and alive gaining the blessed treasure of heaven. ———

While Father Josephs class were engag'd with all the rest in gathering according to their counsel; there was a bright band of holy Angels seen hovering over the assembly, ready to pour out a blessing upon them, and also the holy Angel of the fountain was seen troubling the waters, and sprinkling it over the people, with many other good gifts & a word to gather the many blessings which were falling in the midst of us; they said it would beget in our souls a spirit of meekness & humiliation. ——— The holy fountain was now seen to be surrounded by trees of

Peace, and another bright band of Angels were engag'd in shaking the branches of these beautiful trees all about, over & amongst us, and we were recommended by the Angels to bless one another. ——— One, inspir'd, said, we are over-shadow'd by the wings of the Lord Jehovah, many bearing witness to the same. The trumpets of God are sounding thro' the heavens, and all who have heard the trumpet on Earth, must labor for the increasing quick'ning power. All who leave this place feeling a coolness, of unbelief, or want of quicken'd faith in the work of God, shall go without feeling a blessing, for this is a day of increase, for all to come into a further degree of obedience to the gifts of God, to be devoted and given up in a more particular manner. ——— About this time of the meeting Mother plac'd on the head of each one of her Children a seal of her love, and Bro' Andrew hist to Father Josephs class, a blessing and roll'd it out to them. The blessing was "freedom and love to all" and we were asked, if we would not delight to gather the love and blessing from those our dear companions, who had come to bless us from the invisible world, invited, to gather again and more of it. We again gather'd of the blessings of love, and all other good gifts, from the tree of Peace, and drank and wash'd again in the pool, and immediately the excitement became intense from the increas'd flow of the gifts and power of God in the soul. The fountains of heavenly love and peace seem'd for a few minutes to overflow & spread

over all the assembly in an astonishing and almost irresistable manner, much easier felt than describ'd. _____ Our holy and Etenal Mother Wisdom is here, says an inspir'd one, encouraging her Children to gather the blessing and enjoy it. O gather says she a treasure that is lasting, and will never fail; let the Elders and the aged roll out strength, to the Younger, and let the Young gather in faith, and they shall be fill'd with good. _____ Another instrument declares the presence of a holy Angel from heaven, by the way of the holy Mount, he has brot two cups of blessing from Mothers faithfull Children in the East, and says that the contents of these Cups will fill us with the same spirit that they are actuated by. He desires us to Kneel and on our Knees, Elder John and Eldress Sally, will sprinkle it, (the contents of the cups) upon us, after receiving of which we bow'd four times in token of reverence and obedience to our beloved Parents and brethren and sisters in the East from whom this good spirit was sent. The Angel then requested us to unite with him, in laboring for the power of God, and shake off every thing that could hinder the free flow of the spirit into our souls. _____ Holy Mother now sends to all a beautiful present, she sends to each one, a beautiful golden trumpet of true love and tender compassion, she says we need it in our passage thro' this dark and gloomy

Valley of time. ——— A holy Prophet came to see us, who had been bless'd with the power and gifts of God in former times, and desir'd us to blow our trumpets in order to welcome in to our assembly a company of seven holy and prophecying Angels who had come to unite with us, and were waiting without to be invited in. ——— Father David says some here feel bound because they think they have not had so great a privilege as some of us, but it should not be so, he said he would bestow the power of God with which he was cloth'd, and desir'd all to partake freely, for he says that the blessing of God flows from the same fountain of life to the Younger believer as to the older, he requires the old believers to bestow their love and blessing on them. He then brought a beautiful Chain and encircled all the believers in it. ——— Father David says be it Known unto You, that it is but one step between bondage and freedom. All who will Keep low, and labor for the mortifying gifts of God will gain that one step so desirable between bondage and freedom, and all who rise and Keep not the orders and gifts of God, shall have bondage and death. ——— Father William said take now this one step, now let pride nor lust nor any thing else shut out the lovely Angel of freedom. You may be assur'd that every soul that will not labor to Keep in the gifts of God, and Keep the

orders of God, but will resist the Holy Ghost they shall receive death and bondage to the full; let their privelege be long or short it matters not; this blessed boon is now freely offer'd to all and every one, to obtain the freedom and liberty of the Gospel, and feel it fully and fairly. _____ _____ Holy Mother Wisdom now gave a bright golden cross to every one who were willing to wear it, and they were to wear it on their breasts. _____ Father Joseph desires all to unite in a shout of Victory that the Enemy is so much baffled as he is, and then immediately added that if any would be asham'd of the gifts of God he would be asham'd of them in the heavenly Kingdom. _____ Bro. Andrew and Eldress Betsy fetch'd us the wine of heaven, and Father William a basket of glorious Apples; which we receiv'd and eat and drank to a quick Song. _____ Mother Ruth now waves her Love and blessing over the Singers, and a company of bright Angels from the holy Mount have brot musical instruments for them. Also the Angels have plac'd fruit round the pool for us all to feast upon, and beautiful fruit bearing trees, were now seen all around the pool with branches hanging in reach and bending with ripe delicious fruit, of which we were invited to pluck and Eat, for the Angels said we were weary and needed refreshment, and we took

and eat bountifully of the proffer'd good. ——— Father Joseph now desires his class to march round the Pool, before they go home, but before they go forth they are call'd to partake of a rich feast of fruit from the tree of peace

After a comfortable and refreshing repast, they first march a song or two around the fountain, and then in a lively quick song finish their pleasant service. ——— At this time it is announc'd that the twelve holy Angels who first Mark'd out the spot where the chosen square is now located are present, and make us all welcome, and are pouring their blessing and love on us. ——— Intermission. ——— Signs of approaching Rain. —Dismiss'd, March home in the same order as we came. ———

Sabbath. Sept. 7th 1845.

Visit to the Chosen Square.

Being disappointed in the forenoon by unfavorable weather insomuch that we could not meet at the chosen Square, as was anticipated, Elder John Suggested the propriety of going in the afternoon, and there being much union express'd by the brethren and Sisters, we march'd out of the holy Sanctuary in the

same order as in the preceding Sabbath, the South Union and North Union Ministry taking their places near the front of the procession.

When we came to the entrance of the opening into the square, Elder John propos'd to the singers to take their watering pots and sprinkle the brethren and Sisters with the water from the holy fountains near the gate, that they might wash, and cleanse themselves before Entering the sacred Enclosure. It was accordingly done, and Elder John further observ'd, that it was Mother Ann's request, that all who enter thro the gates should bow low in solemn reverence to the Lord Jehovah. _____ After we had enter'd the enclosure and were collected around the pool, Elder John desir'd if any of the instruments, had any word for us, to be free. Whereupon we were inform'd that the holy Angels were sprinkling us with the refreshing waters of heaven. _____ Another said, that on his way to the chosen Square, a scene open'd to his view very pleasing and delightfull. He saw the holy ground, and beautiful Streams of water ripling thro' it, and also a beautiful band of musicians playing on their instruments.

He also saw a holy Angel who is now present, and desires to speak a few words, if in Union with the beloved Ministry; Union being felt, he proceeded as follows. _____ I have come from the heavens to deliver the words of the most high— My name is Joseph, and further than this, Ye cannot know of me at this time— But the word I will deliver. _____ " Remember all Ye who have the unspeakable privelege of being call'd &

numberd amongst Father Joseph's Class, that none before You have had such a privelege as You enjoy; therefore bow down Your spirits and keep low; that You may not trample upon the good things sent unto You. You have now this holy and sacred place, which by the word of inspiration has been reveal'd. It is not every one that is bless'd with a privelege of seeing the real beauties of this place; all may see the external form and dissage thereof, but few can discern the internal beauties and delights of this beautiful spot chosen by the God of Heaven to place his name. _____ Adjoining this sacred enclosure is a City whose inhabitants, are those who in Ancient days have liv'd a righteous life according to the light and understanding they had. _____ I have come to warn Father Joseph's Class that none that enter into this holy place, should come with sin cover'd, for behold it is indeed holy, and all who ever enter here with hands that are not clean, and hearts that are not pure, must do it at the immediate risk of the Judgments of their God; for behold it is no light matter to trifle with the extended mercy & goodness of Your heavenly Father, in this day of the outpouring of his great mercy; nevertheless let all who are clean, exercise their gifts in this place, let the honest and the upright in spirit be blest, therefore receive You my love and blessing to the full, and exercise freely in the beautiful gifts of God, go forth fearlessly & independant of any evil influence, from without, nor fear the "worlds dread laugh" and Spiteful Scorn, but show Yourselves men in the work of God, do not [illegible] pride nor lust, or any other thing

within Yourselves, make You think it is too low and mean for to act in the worship of God in freedom and simplicity to gain the lovely gifts and living power of God, do not hold back for the scowls of man or the frowns of mortals, but go forth untramel'd and unfetter'd, and I will give to You a roll of heavenly influence, and You may now receive a portion of it by holding out Your right hand. My word is now clos'd. ———

Mother Ann now desir'd that we would all Kneel down and pray to our heavenly Father that he would pour out his blessing upon us. While on our Knees the following anthem was sung by immediate inspiration. ——— O hear Ye! The trumpet of the Lord doth sound thro' the habitations of his people on the Earth, Yea, Peace, Peace I sound thro' Your habitations O Zion, for behold the day of freedom rolls, rolls along, therefore O my Children receive this blessing of Your God, for behold I sound it unto You thro' my holy se-ve-na-more- therefore receive Ye the blessing, and hear Ye the good tidings, Yea receive it thro' the heavens above, for my blessings shall be distill'd upon the faithfull, as the dew drops of the morning, and the gentle Showers of the Summers day, for behold I hear the prayers of the needy, and will turn unto them and bless them, Yea my blessings and protection shall they feel, for my mercy and goodness endureth forever.

After the anthem was sung It was said by an instrument that our heavenly Parents, who had come to witness our simplicity, desir'd that we should wash and bathe

in this blessed fountain, and receive the heavenly influences that would be deriv'd from them. _____ Elder John now requested the Ministry and Elders to come forward, and wash and bathe, and afterwards the ancients of Mothers house, then the middle aged, and last of all the Youth and Children. All wash'd and bath'd in the fountain and express'd their thankfulness. _____ The Singers were now call'd forward, and requested to sing a quick Song. _____ After a lively dance; an instrument cried out, "Jehovah says, bow low, bow low, bow low, and humble Yourselves to the dust of the ground. And Mother Ann tho' another says I have brot You my Love, You may gather it, She has also brot us the love of our Holy Mother Wisdom, and Eldress Betsy sent us a beautiful present to be receiv'd while dancing another quick Song in the power and gift of God. _____ A large company of Angels was now seen marching around the fountain playing beautifully on musical instruments, and also a band of trumpet sounding Angels who invited us to unite with them in sounding our trumpets, and it should be in unison with the Angelic host.

We were now call'd to hear a word from the ancient Prophet Isaiah. _____ "Tho' the heavens shall my word be heard, and tho' the Earth shall it be sounded, from the watch tower, and the soul that is above me and my work saith the Lord shall perish. Yea, hear O Israel in Zion, and harken all Ye Shepherds, and inmates of Israel, for behold I say unto You, and hear Ye my word, no more shall the land be without

a prophet, for the hand that is put forth to stop my Prophets shall perish; for behold I will pour forth my anointing Oil over my holy Seers, and prophets of my word, and they shall be heard thro' the land, from the North and the South, and from the East and the West shall they sound my word, and it shall be heard and distinctly understood saith the Lord, and where is the hand that shall counteract, or the tongue that shall gainsay my word. III. # 1/4 1. ———————————

After the Prophet Isaiah had deliver'd his message, Mother Wisdoms little Seraph came forward with a word to the ministry from South & North Union, which was the word of her sure acceptance of their faithfull labors, in their respective lots & callings, and bid for each of them a shining Mantle, and said moreover if they would stretch out their right hands they should receive them; Mother says they shall receive the good things of God, and concluded the message by inviting them to drink deeply and freely of the holy Waters of the fountain.

At the conclusion of this address, an instrument receiv'd a word to communicate if in union. Union being felt and express'd — the instrument said, by command of the invisible agent. ——— "Ye shall walk to and fro amidst the children of Zion and shall say" Who desires to receive the power and gifts of God" And again "Who is it that desires to receive the gifts and power of God", Answer'd by the assembled multitude" I do", Well, to You who wish them

the heavens are open'd and the gifts and power of God is ready and You may receive them freely, Yea freely as the air, free as the beautiful Streams that run thro' this blessed and holy chosen square, Yea, it is held out freely to every justified soul, and my duty is to repeat seven times "who is it that desires to receive the gifts and power of God above all things?" _____ I say the high mind, the flesh that nature of sin is always oppos'd to the gift and power of God. _____ I am a spirit that listens to the prayers of the Saints, and the command is to cry "Who desires above all things to receive the gifts and power of God"? "I do from all". _____ Then I say, that all who are stiffen'd with pride, and influenc'd by lust shall not be the ones, who can gain and retain the gifts and power of God; but let the sincere the meek, the low and penitent be encourag'd for they shall receive the gifts and power of God. _____ "Then who desires above all things to receive the gifts and power of God"? "I do, from all. _____ Well, I say the great sense, and the haughty spirit cannot receive them, for it will say if I do thus and so, I shall be consider'd a fool; if I make a simple motion, I shall be laugh'd at, and the fingers of scorn will be pointed at me. _____ But "Who is it regardless of all consequences, desires above all things to receive the gifts and power of God? I do, from all. _____ Know then, therefore every child in Zion, that the name of the infernal Spirit whose chief business it is, to destroy and scatter the gifts of God

among the Children is unbelief, the cruel and sanguinary spirit of Infidelity, this is the most dreadfully malignant Spirit that can beset any soul, and one that operates the most against the gifts of God; the darkening, killing spirit of unbelief & infidelity. And now who desires to receive the blessed gifts and power of God?

I do from all. Know then that perfect freedom of Speech, and of action is for all Mothers good Children, in true Gospel order, there is no evil interposition can interfere with the simple devoted faithful Children; they are closely overshadowed by the protecting power of God, the light of God, and the inspiration of his holy Spirit are with them; and they who are not under the influence of unbelief know it right well; Yea these are the days of the especial blessing of God, and is there one who does not desire to feel and enjoy the blessing of it. ———

——— I go my word is finished. ——— O.C. # 19.

An instrument now received a roll from the Prophet Isaiah for the beloved ministry of South Union to take home with them, and it shall be copied in their dwelling). Another bore witness to the contents of the roll, and they were wonderful and beautiful. ——— It was now testified that Eldress Betsy had come with a gift to bestow upon her Children, an increase of the blessing which was given us last week, from the seeds of peace, sown in the Meeting house.

She says my dear Children, over whom I have watched with a Mothers care, I have a privelege to open unto You

an increase of the blessed streams of Charity and mercy. I have increas'd it so all may have abundance of the precious gifts of goodness and Charity, and bestow Ye the same on one another, is it not a great thing, says she to be able to forgive one another from the heart, do You Know that on this depends Your own forgiveness from Your heavenly Father. While Eldress Betsy was speaking, there was another Angel seen above the fountain recording the true sincerity or insincerity of the assembly. And another witness bore testimony to the presence of Eldress Betsy, and that in addition to her other gifts, she had brought white robes for the visiting ministry as a reward for their faithful labors, these Robes are sent from our Eternal Mother Wisdom. _____ We now march'd around the fountain to the sound of the Singers. A gift of the fear of God and of Solemnity was now bestowed, and it was stated that there were many of the Ancients of Mothers house present, who had trodden the Wine press alone before us, tho' whom the gift come. Upon which Elder Bro. Eli said, "Dear brethren & sisters, do let us unite with them, and consider the blessing we realise to day, in the presence of our heavenly Parents, and those worthy Ancients who have gone before us. Who is willing to bow and bend as the willow"? We all united in bending and bowing. _____ Bro' Andrew was present & united in bending and bowing with us, and said, O! that we could sense the day in which we live; All that will bow & bend their Spirits as the willow shall be clothed with overcoming Power.

——— At this time it was announced that there were beautiful lilies of Heaven growing all round the fountain, that the good Spirits had brot them to us; And Mother sent us all a treasure, in a cygnet of her precious love; And the visiting Ministry may receive if they will hold out their right hands, a beautiful Marble with the gems of their Love engrav'd on them. ——— An instrument now states that there had since Angels from heaven arriv'd here, who had never been sent here before, they brot thankfulness to sprinkle over all, thankfulness which should be felt in tribulation; they said it would support us thro' all trials we would meet, and there would soon roll on trials and tribulation which would make it needfull to exercise this spirit to the full extent that we could gain. We recein'd it on our knees, praying and believing that in the true spirit of thankfulness we should be able to stand in Adversity and in prosperity. ——— Angels are now sounding and desire us to unite and sound our trumpets that the everlasting Gospel may be sent thro' the Earth. ———

We united. ——— Father William now brot twelve baskets of heavenly fruit, four baskets for each lot of Ministry to give to their respective flocks. ——— While we were marching Father Joseph and a company of holy Angels spread their wings of protection over the Young, and the Angels sprinkled the waters of Repentance, on all the assembly, And the recording Angels finish'd the work

of recording the true state of every individual. _____

We now form'd and in the usual manner march'd home; truly thankful for the power of God we had felt; and the liberal blessing we had receiv'd.

Visit to the Chosen Square.

Sept 21st 1845. Sabbath.

In company with the South Union Ministry, and all the different orders belonging to Union Village we had the privelege of attending at the chosen square.

Assembled at the meeting house at 9 o clock A.M, and while here we were visited by a holy Angel who stated that he had descended from the throne of our heavenly Father, with his word for us, which was this; That we should kneel down and pray for a broken heart, and a contrite spirit, and this requirement, says the Angel, You may know is from him who rules and reigns in heaven and on Earth.

A company of holy Angels now came in and Eldress Betsy was with them, and she desires us to sound on our trumpets to welcome them in, which we did. _____ We now formed as usual and march'd to the square, the Ministries going before. When we came to the gate, we halted, and E. John

said that all might bathe in the pools at the Entrance, and then bow low as they enter'd the inclosure _____ We now form'd around the fountain, and while we were standing an Angel was seen over us, who desir'd us to use our swords against the evil in ourselves, and also against the encroachments of evil Spirits. _____ Our Holy Saviour and Mother Ann, also now came and bestow'd on us their Love and blessing; And spoke to us as follows; O Ye children of Zion, whose privelege it is to enter this sacred and chosen square, I have come to minister to You the seeds of Peace. It is indeed a day of freedom, and all who have been faithfull may and will receive a reward to their full and thorough satisfaction. We have come also to open in this place a living stream of Mercy and Charity, and it is now full to overflowing; I have call'd You to partake of this blessed stream, that You might taste of the goodness of God. Then O dear Children, why will You not come up, and bathe and wash, and cleanse and purify Your souls, and learn to love and bless one another. It is the desire of the Devil to check the work of God, but we desire You, not to seek the aid of Mortal flesh, nor listen to the temptations of evil Spirits, but to come out boldly as free souls, and enjoy the ample reward of Your faithfull labors. _____

_____ A holy Angel now proclaims that it is the goodness of God that leads Souls to repentance, and all who sin-

cerely desire, and will honestly labor for that blessed gift tho the present meeting shall gain a portion of it. _____ Our Heavenly Parents say; All may wash and bathe in the fountain. And all may be free and ask for what they think they most stand in need of and it shall be given unto them. _____ The holy Savior again spoke and said "I have come this day to administer that which time cannot take away; He then again opened the stream of Mercy and Charity afresh, and caused it to flow like a mighty river, and enchanted all to partake of the overflowing stream. How long shall I call You to come and partake of the goodness of God, his wells are running over, and all may partake freely; Yea receive Ye freely that Ye may learn to be Kind to one another. _____ It is a day of peace, and who shall be troubled? A day of the goodness of God, and who shall be sad? It hath not entered into the heart of man, the good things that are laid up for those who do his will &c. My children are blind, and cannot see. why they cannot come to the fountain and drink and be healed;

Is there one soul willing to be banished from the presence of God? Is there one, who does not want to partake of the goodness of God? Come and drink freely without money and without price; And if Ye will not, Ye may Know what stands in the way; Ye do not from the heart forgive one another; but Ye must let every hard feeling go, make every bond give way, Whose indulges Envy, or jealousy, can have no right to the stream of Mercy; for have I not said; if Ye forgive not one another, neither can Ye be forgiven;

but if Ye freely forgive one another, then shall peace flow thro' Your souls as a river, and Ye shall drink freely of the blessed streams of Mercy and Charity, and shall be strengthened & comforted in Your Spirits. Therefore hear Ye my word every one that is willing to let drop all envy, all jealousy, and all hard feelings of every sort, they shall feel a just right to drink of this holy stream, and it shall be a means of obtaining an increase of blessing. My word at this time is ended. ———— ○+>"—○—+○"

We are inform'd that the Holy Angel of Liberty is present, recommending freedom to all, not to be bound up, nor stiffened or starch'd at all, but simple and free, the Angel has a watering Pot with him and is sprinkling the brethren & Sisters with its contents. And our beloved Mother Ann, said she had placed that which every one most needed, within their reach, and asks each one to reach out the hand and receive it, and she says dear Children You should be liberal and divide and share every blessing with one another ——— Behold there are many of the Holy Angels came and have taken up their abode on this holy ground, and their delight is to bless all Mothers good Children, who are willing and anxious to be bless'd with them. They are now placing the rich blessings of our heavenly Father all around us, in the reach of every individual. ———— Father Jesus is now going round among the brethren pouring his blessing on them, and at the same time Mother is performing the same amongst the Sisters, pouring out the blessing liberally, and saying O my

Children receive plentifully. _____ The Holy Savior wants all the Younger part, to bless the aged, and tells them that in blessing their aged Parents in the Gospel, they will find their own blessing, asking at the same time if they were not willing to sacrafice all for the sake of the Gospel and the blessings it brought. _____ A large company of departed Spirits now appear'd from the glorious city, amongst whom were Elder Peter, Br. Andrew and Br. Daniel Boyd, they brought Love and blessing from Brethren and Sisters who live there; they also brought Love and Simplicity from the Ancients, and our heavenly Parents and other friends in the East, send that which will last to Eternity. _____ Behold says our beloved Eldress Betsy, I have brought at this time from the heavenly Father a present of freedom; a heavenly influence that will make You feel independent of every evil spirit, or any thing that would bind You; be not afraid of being thought foolish, but partake of the blessing I have for You. It is a day of small things, You need not stand looking for great things, but partake of the holy fruits of the Spirit; It is now pour'd upon You as a Shower in the Summer season, and as dews on the tender plant. — Gather freely; Why will any stand back, and not be redeem'd from every thing that is in the way of their prosperity, why not come up to the help of the Lord in thankfulness, and receive the heavenly boon that is presented to You, and offer that alone which God will accept, which is thankfulness of Soul. Yea, says Eldress Betsy, the fear of God will shut out the Enemy & helps You to consume all Evil. _____

At the conclusion of Eldress Betsy's communication, there were many testimonies from the good brethren and Sisters, to their thankfulness to the Agents of God, and to all instruments that have been faithful to Keep the gospel, and to minister the true spirit of it; Such as the following "My feelings are thankfulness to all the hosts of heaven, and to our holy Saviour, and to blessed Mother Ann; I am determind to Keep my way to the end, and profit by the blessed example of that which is before me, in the Ministry and Elders. To which our heavenly Parents answer'd; Welcome, welcome, dear Children, Enjoy the blessings You have, You are welcome to them all, while You continue to Keep the counsel, and subject Your selves to the direction and government of those whose duty it is to care for You. _____

A Company of little Children, now bring Love and simplicity, and want us to gather it, with a spirit of thankfulness; and our heavenly Parents annoint us with the waters of Repentance, and Mother Ann wants us to Know it is done in the presence of hundreds of Gods most holy Angels. _____" The waters are troubled, says one, now We can bathe, the most high God, has bestow'd Her a blessing, the waters of repentance, and all may wash and be clean. _____ Says the holy Saviour I annoint every one that is here, with a heavenly influence. I have come to take out of the way all that hinders. The Love of God is the most powerful of all things to destroy evil. I have seen Your prayers and heard Your cry.

I have known when You asked for salvation, and seen all the pain and distress this which You have pass'd, there is nothing of the kind but what is on the record of heaven. Receive You, Peace, and my everlasting Love, which will cast out all evil. I have come to tell You all this, and confirm it to You, that no soul shall fail of Salvation, who renders unfailing obedience to the counsel of the blessed Dead. We You heavenly Parents have come to give You the pure spirit of love one to another, and to pronounce certain salvation to all who are obedient. You can gain the full and true spirit of repentance by treading in the foot steps of Your heavenly Parents. That true and full spirit of repent ance has never Yet been gained on this ground. We want You to set out anew, and live more exactly according to the example & pattern that was first set by them when they were on this Earth: more devotedness, more true sincerity, and more intense desires to gain the good, and not so much care of things of time. ——

—— There now appear'd a beautiful circle of fruit trees around the fountain, loaded with the fruits of heaven, and the Angels were seen bending down the boughs that the Young and the Aged might reach the fruit and Eat. Remember says Mother Ann, under these trees I sat and wept when my children here were asleep, and now once more I pour out the waters of repentance, that my children may learn to pray for one another, as the Angels in heaven pray for them, and all who will, may fill their golden cups.

This fruit says Mother grows on the trees of Innocense, and all who will freely Eat of it shall be as innocent & pure as the Angels of heaven. _____ I see says one adjoining unto this holy place, the City of God, a great number of heavenly Mansions of rest all around for Mothers good children and all that continue to do right shall live in them, and now an inexhaustible number of the holy Angels are pouring forth the manna of heaven on the people to bless and encourage them. _____ The holy Saviour and Mother Ann have brought a quantity of the bread of Life, and the Angels are handing it round amongst the people, with the holy Anointed, and they wish the brethren to bestow the blessing on one another, the strong on the weak that they all may be blessed together in the bands of Gospel Love. _____ Father William presents to E. John a Chain of order, with which to encircle the flock, saying remember it will help us to keep order. E. John hands it to the Elders to draw around the assembly. _____

The Aged now bestow their blessing on the Young, and the Young receive it as the blessing and power of God. _____

The holy Saviour presents two bright golden candlesticks to South Union Ministry, who receive them by holding out their right hands. Also four golden Baskets of the blessings for the beloved Ministry to take home, and distribute to the Church at S. Union, that they may be partakers of all

the blessings that have been bestow'd here this day. If they will place them on their heads, the Angels will see that they are safely carried.

Our beloved Br Archibald is also present, and has his Love & blessing from our heavenly Parents and brethren and Sisters in the East, and he said "dear Brethren and Sisters I intended You should feel so. He also brought a Box for each of the S. Union Mo. of the same to take with them, who held out their hands to receive them. He also plac'd Crowns on our heads, with many bright stars in them, saying they are such Crowns as Mothers Children wear in the East. Our Love was then given to the S. M. Ministry firstly by all the Ancients over 55 Years, to all of the same age at Pleasant Hill & S. Union, then the Love in general. _____ Meeting clos'd _____ March'd home in order, as is common in such cases.

Chosen Square _____ May 24th 1846 _____

_____ This morning the whole Society met with the intention of visiting the chosen Square. ____ Elder John open'd meeting by stating, that he consider'd our privelege great, that we were kindly notic'd of God, in being taught the way of God, and in being instructed in the doctrine and practice of Self denial. He said he wish'd all to be engag'd, and be alive in their Spirits, and labor for the quickning power of God, to bless and strengthen us thro' the coming day. _____ _____ After dancing a lively song and gaining some freedom, we were inform'd

that the holy Saviour, and Mother Ann, were with us, and would accompany us to the Chosen Square. ——— As usual we march'd to the Square to the sound of music, stopping once on our way to sound on our trumpets. On arriving at the gate, we were met by a large company of holy Angels from the South West, they said if we would turn to the South and blow with our trumpets, they would unite with us thro' the day. They then march'd in with us, and recommended us to be simple, and labor for the precious gifts of God, promising to the faithfull and devoted that they should experience the blessing of God. They declaid that as the Kingdom of heaven could only be obtain'd by those who were willing to become as little children, so neither can the gifts of God, be truly realis'd, without becoming as a little child; but all that humble themselves shall feel a fullness of the goodness of God in the present instance. ——— Moreover they testified that the Love of God, and the power of God, would be manifest here to day, in an exceeding degree, that all might feel their freedom, bear the word of their testimony to one another, and enjoy a fullness of the blessing and goodness of God. And indeed as the meeting progress'd, the truth of the Angels word was especially and particularly fullfill'd. The power of God fell on the assembly in a wonderfull manner, many powerfull and awakening testimonies were deliver'd, and many and diverse were the gifts of God, which were recein'd by the people, some

some spake with tongues, and others prophecied, and spake of the wonderfull works of God. Many in the gifts of inspiration, spake much to the edification of the people. There was also a general expression of thankfulness for the privileges which this pure gospel affords.

Mother pours her Love on to the multitude, it is flowing all around and the company feel its invigorating influence, the blessing flows in a full stream, and the baptism becomes universal thro' the body——— In the midst of this outpouring of the Spirit, there came a large company of departed Spirits, and asked permission to unite with us, and liberty was granted them, and immediately 500 Angels desir'd admittance; they come cloth'd with Love and blessing from the heavens, for the children assembled in the chosen square to worship God. ———

——— Father Joseph now arriv'd, and requested Sixe of his class to go to the tree of victory, which is standing in the S. E. corner of the square, and take their baskets and fill them, then bring them forward and give the contents of them to the people. ——— An Angel unto the Square with us which has a word to the people, if is in union: Granted, and he proceeds, "Hear all Ye people, the day of God is at hand, and a great and mighty work shall be manifest to the people of the world, such as was never known before. Remember what you have come here for, Remember that all who come here have a sacrafice to make, which will take all that is selfish. This Sacrafice cannot be made without the help of God.

No one will pretend to be stronger than Jesus, and he said of himself he could do nothing. We have come here to make the sacrafice, and to strive to gain the favour of God. And now-to day is strength offer'd to all; Yea this is a day for all to come forward and drink freely of the waters of life, and I am now ready to pour on the blessing, the power and strength, into every soul, that is hungering and thirsting after righteousness. It may be receiv'd by bowing, And the angel cries aloud, "He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting". ——————————
—————————— Father William, Father James and Father David say "Liberate your spirits, and gather now of the treasures of heaven, for God will yet send thousands to this place to worship him, and for that reason you should be wide awake and alive in the work, that Ye be not found in the way of those that are yet to come. And mind ye the work of God from this time will be quick and powerfull, and ye have no time to spend in idleness or indifference if you intend to make the living substance of the gospel your only treasure. O dear Children the fruits of heaven are flowing all around You, do gather them now while you have opportunity, Strengthen Your souls in good and learn to possess Your vessels in honor. Many express'd thankfullness for the freedom of the day, and thank'd Mother for the pure and holy Gospel, which enabled them to secure the blessings which flow from it.

"Thankfull for deliverance from the bondage which the Devil casts round the Soul, deliverance from sin, from evil and error, and made free to worship God in the beauty of holiness, in spirit and in truth as simple innocent children". ——————
—— The people seem full to overflowing, they break out, thus, "I know this to be the power of God, and am not mistaken; I am thankfull for it, for the gospel is the power of God unto salvation in deed and in truth, and I know it, and feel it this moment.

O it is a pretty way; it is the best thing I ever knew, and I will be thankfull for it: Set the flesh go, I will not be subject to it; I am thankfull to God, he has made me able to hate the flesh, and keep it under subjection. The Angels have the heavenly fruits and blessings from heaven, and have minister'd them to us, and we feel the divine impulse, in the stimulus of Love in our Souls — Glory — An inspir'd one cries out, "I know and feel by the inspiration of the holy Spirit, that the day is nigh at hand when God will seperate the wicked from the good; Yea, bow low & be wise, and see that ye hurt not the oil and the wine, for all shall be accountable for the use they make of their privelege in the gospel.

The Love I feel extends to all Souls, and the Love of our heavenly Parents, and all the good spirits which are here commingling with ours. —————— A holy Angel has just gone to the North West with a proclamation that God is about to bring all mankind into Judgment immediately. And O! Let Zion be prepar'd for the Souls of men, for the time is at hand, when

God will require You to open Your hearts wide and that You feel nothing but Love towards all nations, and keep not back Your Stores, nor Your Love, ~~and~~ Your sincere desires for the children of men. ——— It is the desire of the holy Saviour for us to sound a shout to the four quarters of the earth; And then Kneel down and pray for the nations and Kingdoms of this world, that they may feel the arrows of conviction, and be taught where the power of God may be found to their Salvation. ——— An intermission for half an hour, previous to which there was read to the attending Spectators, a small essay of Counsel, intitled, "The word of the Lord to all people that shall follow his chosen ones to the holy feast upon this consecrated ground," Extracted from a communication given at the East, on an occasion somewhat similar. For the Original See Elder Johns collection of communications. ——— After the intermission we again assembled and the power again for a time ran thro' the congregation filling every vessel full of joy and delight, untill our bodies were wearied, and our Souls replenish'd, and it was tho't reasonable to adjourn for the present. ——— Elder John in the close recommending to all to open their hearts wide, to receive any and all souls, which the goodness and mercy of God might see fit to prepare as Subjects of the Gospel, and in doing this we might reasonably expect a continuation of blessing ———

As usual we march'd home, closing the service of the day, having occupied about 5 hours ——— ——— ——— ——— ———

Chosen Square ——— Sept 20th 1846 ——— Sabbath ———
——— This day we went to the Chosen Square, Pleasant Hill Ministry, and some Young believers from at White Water being present with us on a visit ——— We assembled in the Meeting house at half past nine A.M. ——— Elder John address'd the assembly in a few appropriate remarks, after which a message was read, warning the unfaithfull and incouraging the sincere and honest. ——— We then Kneel'd down and pray'd for the mercy of God, for his protection notice and blessing, thro' the varied service of the present day, and thro' all time. ——— ——— ——— ———
——— We then form'd and march'd to the music of the Singers; and when part of the way there we stop'd to blow on our trumpets, and were inform'd, that there was an innumerable company of holy Angels seen coming from every quarter to assemble with us; Such a company as to numbers had rarely been seen. ——— ——— Previous to our leaving the Meeting house, an instrument announc'd the presence of the holy Saviour, and that he intended attending with us at the Square. ——— When we arriv'd at the gate of the enclosure, it was testified that there was a pool on either side of the gate, in which it was the privelege of all to wash and bathe and cleanse themselves before they enter'd into the Square. This

ceremony being complied with, we march'd into the Square, and assembled round the sacred fountain in the midst, here we were inform'd, that Father and Mother had come, and desir'd us to be free and alive in the work of God ——— Elder John obser'd that as there was no law against Love, we might exercise some in the quiet manner, and labor to gain an increase of the blessed gift of Love. The holy Saviour now gave us his Love to strengthen and cheer us, and we were now inform'd by the instruments that the Glory of God fill'd the space round about, that this was but the morning of the great day, when the trumpet of God should begin to sound, and call his sons from afar, and his daughters from the ends of the earth. ——— Thanks were express'd, that there is a communication open'd between this world and the world of Spirits. ——— The holy Angels that are here testify that the gift of inspiration is now here enough to fill any instrument full, and this is the day and dispensation when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and call the wanderers home as stated in the above sentence. ——— It is desir'd that all who have the gift of inspiration might be ready and willing to exercise their gift, and communicate freely, whatever may be given them for that purpose. ——— The gift of Love was seen descending in a wonderful and uncommon manner. ——— The holy Saviour Says, Know Ye not, that it is written, "That when the Sons of God assembled themselves together, Satan appear'd also amongst them", and be assur'd he is here now, and trying to darken and bind all he can. But the holy Saviour says, I can minister

strength to defeat all his purposes, and all who sincerely desire it, will find sufficient strength to enable them to avoid all his cunning and to elude every artifice, which his malice can invent. Who is willing to come up to the feast of the Lord, for now shall all needfull helps be freely given, to support, protect and sustain faithfull and devoted Souls. ——— Being invited to wash and bathe in the fountains we surrounded it and thankfully applied the cleansing waters. ——— The voice of an inspir'd one was now heard crying, "Hear O, Mothers Children, the voice of our holy Father Rejoice! O Rejoice for the Sun is rising in the midst of thee, for behold thou standest of a beautiful City, and in the South is a beautifull Vine Yard, and in the North is the Sweet valley of Love, and who will not bow low to see the beauty of Zion. —— I saw a large company of Angels standing a little above the Earth, and they declare that this is the beginning of the great day of God Almighty, as has been before stated. I am truly thankfull for the privelege I enjoy, the pleasures of this world pass suddenly away, but the delights of this work are as impenishable as Eternity. ——— ——— Again another instrument cries out " The word of God to every one is to arise and shake, and be releas'd from all that is evil, for there is nothing more valuable, than the inspiration of divine good, it is truly the gift of the most high God, and let us have it, there is nothing to hinder: Who is now afraid to testify their faith? Who is now afraid to be on the

the side of God? O it is not possible to express the feelings of a soul fill'd with the holy Spirit of inspiration; the fear of man is nothing, the soul may be fill'd with it to overflowing, only hand the soul empty to God, and he will fill it. O I see now the holy Angel of Power, he is now standing in the midst, and he says, "I have come to minister the power of God; Are You willing to receive it? I see the holy Angel of God, I see the souls of those who have re-ceiv'd the gift of inspiration. And now it is the gift of our heavenly Father and Mother that we bow three times with our faces to the Earth, and then rise and blow three solemn blasts towards the four quarters of the Earth; And let the na-tions of the earth be awaken'd, and come to judgment, and they that keeps back shall receive the reward which their works demand but they that hear, hearken and obey shall be fill'd to overflowing with the good things, that the justice of God has in store for they that receive the truth in the true love of it. I feel a divine ministration of the gift of inspiration, and such an overflowing flow of the Spir-it as Language cannot express, but I testify again that all may have a fullness of the true gift of resignation and reconciliation, if they will lumber themselves, and come low and bend to the gifts of God. And now I know that the gift of God is, that all may be perfectly free, to ask any thing they may need, and may bow themselves low enough to ask their brethren for freedom, or Love or any or all other gifts which would strengthen and beautify Mothers good children. —— —— —— —— —— —— ——

——— At this time there was manifest in the Assembly, an intense feeling, many crying out O! my Mothers Love! I am full to overflowing! it makes me free, and simple, and a universal cry of "peace on earth and good will to men", echo'd from all parts, with freedom and liberty to all Souls, and the precious fruits of the Spirit to all the Souls of men. ———

——— Our blessed Mother now brot six bottles of wine, and some loaves of the bread of Life, and all were invited, as well those in the body as those without, to eat and drink, and refresh their weary spirits, there being plenty for all; and a place was appointed for the fragments, that the poor and needy might find their share of the blessing. It was all safely deposited in a stone house built near the gate for the purpose. There was also trees hanging full of delicious fruit, found stretching their branches over us, and plenty within reach, for all who wish'd to pluck and eat. ——— We bow'd our faces to the Earth, and turn'd our bodies facing the east, in token of reverence and thankfulness to those who had faithfully kept the Gospel for us, and had sent it to us, and we promised to Keep it pure to the end of our earthly pilgrimage. ———

——— ——— An intermission now took place for half an hour. Then assembling again we sang and danc'd a few songs, deliver'd a couple of short Lectures to the Spectators, and then drank and wash'd in the pool, Sent our Love to Pleasant Hill and to White Water, and then return'd home, having been absent about 5 hours. ———

Chosen Square ——— Sabbath ——— Oct 4th 1846 ———

——— The whole Society, in company with the South union Ministry, and a number of young believers from White Water, met at half past nine Oclock A.M. in the holy Sanctuary, in order to assemble at the Chosen Square. ——— After singing an Anthem, Elder Brother Eli observ'd that he could not helps but feel a glow of thankfulness passing thro his soul for the sight his eyes had seen, and for the words his ears had heard this morning. To see united with us so many of Mothers good Children from distant places, and to think of the indulgent favor and Kindness of our heavenly Parents, and of our Eternal Father, who still vouchsaves to us the blessing of assembling ourselves together without being disturb'd or harras'd by the wicked and unfeeling world around us. He also called on all to remember, and compare our condition assembling peaceably as we did, under our own figtree and vine and none to marr our peace, or make us afraid,) with the saints of God in former times, when they suffer'd all Kinds of handships and persecutions from the hands of the wicked; having to hide in caves, separated from one another, and being sawn asunder, and suffrings all kinds of torture and pain, merely for performing their duty faithfully, their good name traduced, and all manner of evil spoken against them falsely for the gospels sake, and because they maintain'd the truth in sincerity by their daily actions. ——— While in the Sanctuary assembled, it was declar'd by an instrument, that there was a great number of holy Spirits come to unite with us to day, who had once liv'd on this very ground, amongst which were particularly distinguish'd

Francis White and Stephen Williams. ——— By another instrument it was announc'd that the holy Saviour was present, and intended to be with us thro' the day. He brought with him a shield of for each and every one of us, in order to shield them from all the darkening influences that might surround us thro' the day. He says he wishes all to go forward thro' the worship of God in freedom and in simplicity, thro' the solemnities of the present meeting, and declares there is nothing in the way of any soul, if they have Kept an approving conscience, and if they will devote themselves without reserve to the worship and way of God. ——— It was also declar'd that there were two large bands of holy Angels, just now enter'd the holy Sanctuary to bring the holy and blessed gifts of God, and to go with and unite with us on the consecrated ground. ——— And while we were yet in the Sanctuary, Mother Ann also came into meeting, to see us and be with us, to watch over us for good, and to minister to us as she could see we needed. Also came 400 Angels from the holy City to unite with us, and when they came in, they gave three mild shouts to begin their acquaintance with us, with which we cordially united. ——— We then march'd to the Square, in manner and form as usual; When we got to the gate and had wash'd and bath'd, in the waters of purification which is at the gate, a holy Angel appear'd and spake as follows,

"I am a holy Angel sent from the throne of God, to warn this
"people, previous to their entering thro' this gate, on the consecrated
"ground, set apart and appropriated to the worship of the true

and living God of heaven, and let every soul tremble and fear be-
fore me for I will not wink at iniquity in Jacob, nor backsliding
in Israel. I charge and solemnly warn, that no one be attempt to come
within this sacred enclosure, with any sin cover'd, or any thing
of known evil Kept back from the Knowledge of the holy Annointed
in Zion, or that is not properly open'd in proper order. Again
I say if any one shall presumptuously attempt to claim the
blessings which are laid up in Store on this ground for the
faithfull, Knowing and intending deceitfully to cover iniquity,
or regard iniquity in their hearts, and wish to conceal it, the
judgments of Almighty God, and the withering blast of his displea-
sure, shall suddenly overtake them, yea swift judgments shall
come against them, and they shall in no wise escape. It would
be infinitely better, that such a soul had never been born, than
that they should thus go into this holy place, deceitfully covering
the wrongs and abominations they have committed. ——
But there are many within the sound of my voice who have had
but a short privelige amongst the people of God, and are indeed Young
in faith and understanding, and have had but little opportunity to
realise relase their souls from the bondage of sin, and were if such
should think of something which they have not yet open'd, Yet if they intend
in their hearts honestly to open it the first chance they have, let such
go forth, on to this holy ground fearlessly, and in full confidence, &
innocent freedom, and in their honesty and simplicity of soul they
shall find the promis'd blessing of God, and their souls shall be

fill'd, Yea to overflowing shall they feel the Spirit of Love and Peace.
But let no unjustified soul attempt to pass thro' this gate by any means, for truly those that think to hide from Gods visible order, and Keep secret their counsel, can never make unto God an acceptable offering or feel in their souls the reward of the faithfull." The word of the Angel is ended. ——— When we had march'd into the Square, and up to the fountain, Elder John obser'd "that this holy fountain communicated with the centre of influence in the eternal world, and the blessed contents of this holy fountain, if partaken of in faith, it would cleanse and purify the soul and fit it for the reception of good". ——— It was now announc'd by an instrument, "that there would a company of Angels come in who constitute a concert of music, and they stated that it was the desire of our heavenly Parents, that we unite in laboring to the Sound of their music, as they are fully able to supply the whole company with good music, without any helps from our voices. ——— It was announc'd by an almost universal consent of all present that there was an uncommon display of the heavenly gifts of God, on the ground this day, and by the attending Angels, (thro' the instruments,) every one was invited to ask for whatever they needed most, and it should be freely given them, Yea to all who would ask in faith nothing doubting, shall be freely given the beautiful gifts of God; they are free as air, and the Angels are glad to see them in use, and appropriated to the benefit & blessing of Mothers children. ——— It was testified that on our journey here, there was a large band of Angels, met us on the

on the road, and accompanied us untill we reach'd the holy Square, and they are now with us, and they desire us to unite with them in Sounding our trumpets, to wake up the sleeping nations of the earth, that they may be prepar'd, to receive the gospel of eternal Life. They also hold the gift and power of God, for all prepar'd Souls to receive, and said, that they would give to all a portion; they also bro't from New Lebanon a large amount of Love and blessing. These Angels reported themselves as missionaries sent from the throne of heaven to wake up the nations, and had call'd on their way to unite for a few minutes with Mothers children here in this branch of Zion. According to their request we all united with them in blowing our trumpets four solemn blasts one to the East, one to the West, one to the North, one to the South. In addition to this company there was also 400 more Angels call'd at the Chosen Square who were sent from the heavens for the same purpose, and they said that in heaven, they were clothing more angels, and fitting them out, to scatter thro' the whole world, the doctrines and faith of the true Church of God, and they add, there shall be gather'd from the world hundreds and thousands of Souls, and made fit for the masters use by Cross-bearing, and Self denial. ——— The united voice of the attending Angels now request us all to unite and labor a song of thanksgiving and Joy, because the darkned and benighted Children of this world, were about to be offer'd and to receive the blessed gospel of the holy Saviour and Mother Ann; because the goodness and mercy of God will reach them, with the holy

gift of repentance, and they will become by their Obedience, and faithfulness rightfull heirs of the promis'd inheritance, with the just and good who have gone before them. The voice of the holy Angels to the world of mankind is "Come Come all Come in welcome, and let every one that will come, let him come, and drink of the waters of life freely, for behold all things are now ready. This is the Lan-guage of the missionary Angels, who are on their way to preach deliverance to the Captives chain'd in Sin, and bound in iniquity to the ends of the Earth. ——— O says an inspir'd instrument I see the holy Angels bowing in thankefullness to Christ and mother and the holy Saints of God, who have gone before us, for the blessing which has been handed down to us, and which was purchas'd or won by their sufferings and faithfullness. Once more say the holy Angels unite with us, and blow one more blast from our trum-pets, long and loud to the four quarters of the globe, and assist us to sound conviction to the Souls of men, to the whole world, for but a little while, and you shall see the fruits of our Labors, and all your houses shall be fill'd, and every vacant place, on all your grounds shall be oc-cupied ——— The holy Prophets are here, many of them and their hearts are glad to see the fulfillment this day, and in this place of the things which they foretold, hundreds of Years ago. ——

They have brought unto us from the heavens the precious gift of char-ity, and they say all may partake, for all need the gift, and they de-clare by inspiration, that the poor in Spirit will come to Zion with weeping and with supplications, and they must be taken in, tho'

they come dirty and ragged, and poor, Yet over such must the mantle of Love be spread, this Love is what will save them, and assist them to overcome their evils, and their Corrupt natures, and must be exercised towards them in sincerity and truth. Yea, and all Zions Children must remember this, and extend their charity to those who will come, for there will indeed many come, and need Your charity, and the full hand must be extended to them, and Zions children must learn to do good to all, and that freely and gladly. ——

——— After this testimony of the Angels, Mother Ann desir'd the Young people to come forward and she would clothe them with a spirit of thankfulness for the gospel they had receiv'd, and she said the Angels with her would give them a garment of thankfulness, and would enable them to exercise that Spirit towards the aged, who had Kept the gospel for them.

Mother Says it is the duty of the Young to feel a Spirit of Kindness and a degree of respectfull reverence towards their aged brethren and Sisters, who have born the fatigues of past days, and cheerfully labor'd thro the burden and heat of the past days, to transmit to their followers, and gospel heirs, the rich treasure of the way of God, pure and unspotted, this infusing confidence, and leaving an example worthy of following. ——— The Adventist brethren were now call'd forward as there was a particular gift for them, to receive a blessing of Love, and the brethren and Sisters were desir'd to be hasty in bestowing their Love, blessing and confidence

upon them, so that they might feel it with power, and they were requested to carry home a rich supply of the blessed gifts of the day, and the Love of Mother and all the holy Angels, and good Spirits that have assembled here to day. One of the Brethren now related a vision which he saw concerning a curious view he saw as he was on his way to the Square this morning. He said the holy Saviour showed him a person watering plants with a watering Pot, and some of the plants had a covering over them, and the water was pour'd on all alike, those that were cover'd and those that were not, but he obser'd that when those which had their covers on, receiv'd the water, they were not benefitted, but all that was us'd on them seem'd lost, whereas those that were uncover'd, when they receiv'd the water immediately increas'd in growth. And the Saviour said, such were some that were here, they had come up with a covering spirit, and when the blessing flow'd freely from the heavens they receiv'd nothing, whereas those that had come up with no covering on them, were singularly and particularly noticed and bless'd, and they feel themselves happy and joyfull, in the worship and work of God. ——————

—— After an intermission of half an hour, meeting again commenc'd, and an inspir'd one stated, that She saw an Angel take a live coal from the Alter, and touch the lips of all the inspir'd instruments, and at the same time directing them to speak fearlessly whatsoever they receiv'd —— The Prophet Jeremiah is here

and he says rejoice, O rejoice! O Ye children of Zion, because Ye have received the holy word of God this day. He said he felt thankfull for the blessed gift of God that he felt this day, this is the day "said he" that I prophecied of when I dwelt on the Earth, and ye have witness'd this day the outpourings of the Spirit of God. Clothe Yourselves my children with wisdom for the time will come when You will need it, Mother Wisdom says so. O Children how meek and low, and holy You should be, who are minister'd to day by day by the Angels of God. The Prophet continues", O bow low my dear Children, and humble Your souls before Your God, for You cannot now realise how impossible it is for You to feel, how meek, humble and dependant You ought to be, for the particular and special notice of God, and the holy Angels to You this day. You who have daily before You, and constantly in Your company the holy Angels of God, how you should devote Yourselves to his service. ——————— One inspir'd One now stated "that he saw the following vision," I saw in a beautiful place a little East of the holy ground, resembling an Open Court. In this place were a great many beautifull trees of heaven, And Angels were here also praising and glorifying the God of heaven, the high and holy one who inhabiteth eternity. After some time Our beloved Mother Ruth appeared and said, to the Angels present, what good thing shall we do for the beloved little ones from South

Union, that will be gladly recev'd, and greatfully accepted by them? Shall we not send our best and everlasting Love home with them, and some of the sublime and heavenly gifts and fruits of this place? To this the lovely Angels responded in the affirmative, and immediately the beautifull trees were shaken with a tremulous motion, and this caus'd their sides and edges to be exhibited alternately to my view, which produc'd a most beautifull appearance, presenting all the varied and vivid colors of the rainbow, and at the same time a mixture of shining Silvery hues indescribably beautifull. Soon the fruit of the trees began to fall, and twenty four Baskets full of it were gather'd, and twenty four of the most holy Angels were commission'd by Mother Ruth, to accompany our South Union friends home, carrying with them this blessed fruit together with the Love of our blessed Mother and all the Angels present in this beautifull place. Here they shall remain untill the 24th of October and on the evening of that day, they shall deliver all they have in charge to the belov'd Ministry at South Union, who if they feel union therewith can bestow it upon all the belov'd Children, belonging to their Church. At this time (the 24th do) Mother Ruth will be present, and wave her Love over the assembly And the holy Angels will unite in the same gift, and all remain with the Church untill the close of the ensuing meeting at which time they will depart. While they remain

among You, their influence will be felt, and the work which they shall perform among Zions Children at South Union shall be seen and felt. ——————————————————
—————— At this meeting the power of God was manifest in a wonderfull manner, the inspir'd ones spake as they were movid by the holy Spirit of truth, and their communications (of which this account is very imperfect) showid to all the living that there was an energy and force of good, in the camp which it is rarely our privelege to experience. —— The singers now movid down towards the Spectators, and sung a few appropriate Songs to them, and a few words were spoken to them in a Kind and friendly manner, and we again gatherid to the pool at the fountain, took some Spiritual refreshment from the abundance that was prepar'd, and after sending our Kindest and best Love to all Mothers good Children at South Union, and also to White Water, we commenc'd our march home, having been absent about 5 hours. —

Chosen Square —————— Oct 20th —————— Tuesday ——
—————— The day being pleasant it was concluded to visit the Chosen Square, E. Jacobs and Electa having returnid from the East, and some White Water Brethren and Sisters being among us on a visit. As usual the whole Society met at the meeting house

Elder John Spake a few words, on the Subject of the gifts and blessings which it was common for us to receive on Similar occasions from the heavenly hosts. ~~~ We then form'd as usual, and march'd to the Square. ~~ Previous to entring the consecrated enclosure, we wash'd and bath'd as usual at the pools by the entrance, and here Elder John requested all bondage, and every thing that would hinder the free flow of the Spirit to be left without, So endeavoring to shake it all off, we Shouted three times, in token of welcome to the good Spirits and Angels from the Spiritual world, and then march'd into the Square, and collected by the fountains, where in humble thankfullness to Almighty God for his goodness and mercy, we bow'd our faces to the Earth. And now we were met by a Company of Angels from the East. And with them came Mother, and She told us Love could be minister'd by Kisses, so in Obedience we found a Sensation of Life and energy, and there was a simultaneous movement to give praise and honor to our holy and blessed Mother. ~~~ ~~~~~ ~~~~ Brother Enoch and Sister Electa now gave us the Love from the East; they said "the Love we sent, had been Kindly recein'd wherever they went, at "North Union" at Water Vliet, New Lebanon, Hancock, Enfield, Canterbury, and Harvard. They took our Love in a Sack, and they fill'd the Same Sack and Sent it back again.

Amongst the rest he brot the Sampson of Old's Love, this was put in the mouth of the Sack, and had to be taken out first. It was Strong Love, and had to be recein'd as it was given, by Shaking each other violently, for Sampson Said the old man had to be Shaken as he Shook

the door posts of the Philistines. This Love created something of a sensation —— And also they gave us the Love of the Ancient Sisters, who lived in the house Mother Ann occupied at Harvard. After this the Sack was given to Elder John to distribute, and he appointed Eight brethren and as many Sisters to do the work. —— There was also a Canoe Load of Love from the Indians who had come with Enoch and Electa four hundred of them Indians and Squaws. —— —— Some found a bottle of Mothers Love, and drank freely, and felt happy and leap'd and sang and rejoic'd. — The Indians would give no account of themselves, only that they had come with Enoch. — We receiv'd a present of Mothers wine, and also the bread of Life, prepar'd by Mothers own hand, and given to the visitors, and all were fill'd to overflowing and were full of joy and Comfort. — To the Visitors are given two trunks fill'd with heavenly gifts, from the same, and also a bush of heavenly Love, and a star of light given to all to place in the front of their crown and if they walk in that Light there is no danger of Stumbling. —— The Advent brethren then Sung some, and recounted their sufferings, and how they had been led by the Lord from one Step to another untill they had found the blessed Gospel. They said they could See the hand of God in every Step they had taken and now they Knew they had found the promis'd rest, and would Stand firm and unshaken in the cause, and never flinch or give back in the pinch. — When we then gave them our Love and blessing, and also sent home by them, to the brethren and

Sisters which they left at home.

Meeting Clos'd —

August 1st 1847. —— Chosen Square ——

—— Sabbath —— Met at the Sanctuary at ½ past 9 A.M. All the Society present. After an introductory discourse by Elder John the meeting progress'd, the Angelic Host attending and ministering Love and freedom, showering it over the assembled multitude as a beginning. A strong ministration from the invisible world was sensibly felt while we were in the Sanctuary as was proven by the uncommon manifestation of Love one to another, and seem'd to be felt and communicated in an unusual degree. Mothers Love flow'd freely and bountifully thro' the whole assembly. We march'd to the Square in form as usual, and when we arriv'd Elder John again open'd the Service by an appropriate discourse. We then wash'd in the fountain in the fountains before the entrance gate, and then ente'd into the Square, and when we arriv'd at the Pool in the midst we danc'd a quick Song with life and animation.

The Angelic Host still present, and blessing us with their cheering and heavenly influence. The ground of sincere thankfulness seem'd to be felt, and was freely acknowledg'd.

Our heavenly Parents and many good Angels being present, they minister'd eternal Life, and the true Spirit of

reconciliation to God. After a time of general Union in singing and dancing, the Young Order was call'd forward to sing some of their Spirit stirring Songs, which they did accomplish in union and strength. A strong testimony of thankfulness for the gospel was offer'd from many souls fill'd with the power of God, to the foundation pillars of our most holy faith, to Jesus Christ and to Mother Ann.

The Apostle Paul was here and testified that he was thankfull that he was call'd by the Saviour to suffer for the gospel and was call'd to live in that age, and to bear witness for him thro the dark ages and even unto this time. He also testified that this is the true body of Christ, and all may become living members of that body, who will obey the commandments of God and be simple and honest. We now gathered to the fountain and wash'd and bath'd therein, and the blessing and power overshadow'd and bless'd the people, and the general feeling spread abroad thro all classes, and ranks of thankfulness and reconciliation, and comfort and blessing seem'd to be the abiding inheritance of the simple and faithful. After our meeting was thus concluded, the numerous spectators were address'd, and after singing a few songs and rising up the Love, we march'd home in Order as usual.

Sept 19th 1847. — Sabb. — Chosen Square —

— Met as usual at the holy sanctuary and after singing an Anthem Elder John observ'd that we had at this time an uncommon privelege, as there were representatives from the East and West. There was bro. Rob White who came bearing precious Love from the Eastern Societies of Enfield Canaan and New Lebanon, And also a large company from White Water, who also came loaded from that Society. This Love was given out previous to our march to the Square. After receiving so liberal a supply; by universal consent we commenc'd a lively dance, and continued it long and with great animation and life. The blessed Power of God began to be felt strong, and the streams of good flow'd with force and energy thro' the whole house. — The inspir'd instrument declares the holy Saviour is present and is ministering a Spirit of simplicity. — There is also present a large company of holy Angels, and they are ministering the pure and holy waters of life and all who will may receive them, and be strengthen'd, for the Lord gives to his faithful children good things, and ministers thro' his Angels the power and gifts of God, and all are welcome to every good thing if they will only Keep the Laws of Zion and live according to the precepts of the gospel. — A holy band of angels were now seen to bring a basket fill'd with Heavenly gifts for all the faithful. — Our Heavenly Parents being present ministered their precious Love, the Love

that seperates from the wicked world, and cements their children into one holy band of Love and union. An inspir'd instrument cries out I see the Angels of God ministering the everlasting gospel. They went to the North South East and West to enlighten the dark world, and take away all excuse from man, and they say every mans mouth shall be stop'd and the whole world become guilty before God. I saw said the instrument, I saw them come from the North South East and West where they had minister'd the good things of God, and many have heard the word but would not heed it; But such shall Know that they have slighted the goodness and mercy of God, and for this cause they shall feel that they have no right to the tree of Life, neither can they enter in thro the gates into the City. I see judgments rolling over the earth where the sound of the Angels voice has been heard even in the N. S. E. & W. plagues and desolations shall overtake them, in their sins, and they shall Know of a truth when it is too late, that they have abus'd the goodness of God and slighted his mercy. _____ _____ The March to the Square was as usual, as has been frequently discrib'd in this book before, and much good Counsel was given by those appointments it is to instruct. _____ The Spectators were address'd and were respectfull, and attentive hearers of the word _____ After that we assembled round the fountain and sang a few Songs and then form'd in Order and returned home.

Chosen Square ———

——— As we were going to the chosen Square about midway between the dwelling house and the Square, the Saviour announ'd himself in our midst, and said, "The heavenly influences and powers frow on high are lowering and gathering upon the inhabitants of the Zion of his likeness in this place, and it is my fervent request to my people that they may now unite with me in sending up their deep supplications and heartfelt prayers for the wretched inhabitants of this earth, that the awfull judgments of God which are rolling as a deluge over the face thereof may be staid and that they may have space to repent and turn to God, that his salvation and peace may reach them" ———

——— During the delivery of the above, the whole assembly were on their knees, after which the procession mov'd on again to the holy ground ———

——— When we arriv'd at the holy ground, after the introductory preliminaries Jos inspir'd and said "I declare my Saviour openly, and that he is now ready to bless every Soul in the assembly with a spirit of humiliation and supplication to God for the poor lost Children of men, that the rolling deluge of judg-ment which is now sweeping the earth might be stayed untill they might have space to repent and turn to God and find his mercy & blessing

Altho the enemy is ready to cast in his influence to bind the Spirits of Zions children, yet our blessed Saviour is able and ready much more to bestow upon us the Spirit of freedom and perfect independence of all his wicked influence of bondage." ———

——— The Saviour says "It is from no other source than that of divine goodness that we are able to claim any exemptions from the misery and wretchedness which now fills the earth, and we not presume to arrogate to ourselves any degree of goodness or worthiness by which we have escaped them. If it had not been that our heavenly Parents, and many Saints who have gone before us, had pray'd and entreated the mercy of God in our behalfs when we could not pray to Gods acceptance, we never should have experienced the blessing and protection which we now enjoy. Yea! Know and be assured that tho' the intercessions of our heavenly Parents and those blessed Souls who have gone before us in the blessed way of God, has it been that we now enjoy his blessing and favor — Therefore O Zion open your hearts of compassion and tender mercy, and pray our blessed Father and Mother in the most profound humility, for the releasement of poor Stricken Souls, that they may have room and space given them wherein to repent and come to the Knowledge of the truth — ———

I will says the Holy Saviour at this time pour upon You the Spirit of freedom and give to that Spirit the gift of utterance according as every Soul may be wrought upon who have assembled upon this holy ground, and they shall be able to pour forth their Supplications aright ———

——— It is the will of the holy Saviour that we should call to mind the promises and rewards which we have been bless'd with by our heavenly Mother on this occasion—If we pray in Sincerity for the lost Children of men, we should one day feel amply rewarded by Seeing them flock to the Zion of God for Salvation and safety from the troubles and dis-tresses which they find in the world. And they shall gladly embrace the everlasting gospel, and enjoy the goodness of God and be fill'd with his blessing No good Spirit says the holy Saviour "Can behold a sight like this without feeling a thousand times rewarded for all the Labor and tribulation which they have pass'd thro' in gaining Such a treasure ——

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It seems Jesus had met the Disciples after they had been fishing, but had taken nothing tho' they had toiled all night. And he said "Cast the net on the right side, & ye shall find." They cast therefore in now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. John 21.6.

For years we have been waiting and longing for souls to come in, and fill up our depleted ranks & build up the waste places in Zion.

We have had many solemn invocations to that effect, & at last so much light has been shed abroad both from the Throne of Christ's Appearing & also the Spirit moved direct, that a bright prospect seems to open up all around us of the Day-Spring from on High to supervene in the near future which shall rejoice the inmates of Zion, & bring in the halcyon days of Restoration & Restitution. The great point now is, when present illuminations in

the outside world begin to culminate in the cry of "What must we do to be be saved", that the Chh. may have wisdom sufficient to know how to cast the net on the right side of the ship. This point would seem to be of Almighty importance. For we are now approaching the morning of our long night of toil, the exact period when the Savior met his disciples after they had toiled all night, & their success was so poor they were ready to listen to any suggestions likely to favor their efforts. It seems to stand us in hands to be, & represent the city set on a hill whose light not only cannot be hid, but shall practically demonstrate to all lookers on that we are that sanctuary of purity peace & rest in a sinless life, which earnest seekers have been led to believe practicable here and now. And that we have & exercise charity & forbearance with them, which have always had

extended to us in the days of our trials & tribulations when we felt our imperfections to be greater in number than the hairs of our head & the agonies of self abnegation greater than we could bear. Do we not know too well that all newly taken ~~Material~~ from the ~~Horizon~~ dead sea of Rudimental conditions must expect to journey across the ~~same~~ cinders of desolation & self sacrifice to finally possess the land of the promised Rest? And should we not make the way for such as easy & elegible as possible so that they may endure to the ~~end~~ ~~Verily~~ Verily any other policy will savor of night work then which we shall toil & catch nothing.

Now it goes without saying that if we truly discipline ourselves to being interested in the good of others & practically ignore ourselves we shall cast the net on the right side of the ship and find good fish in abundance when the full

morning shall arrive. But as yet we find the time somewhat as described On another occasion mentioned in the Scriptures (viz) "It was now dark & Jesus was asleep in the hinder part of the ship." And even altho, there was a fearful storm raging all he said about it when awakened was "Peace Be still" & presently added "Why are ye so fearful? And how is it that ye have no faith?" O if we only had the faith of Christ, and the discipline which enabled him to say "I and the Father are one"! Then indeed could we say to mountains of doubt & sycamine trees of hindrance & sorrow "Be ye plucked up and cast into the sea and they would obey us." We might easily cast the net on the right side of the ship and take good fish in abundance. No sickness would be possible nor pain nor sorrow or solicitude. Logically speaking The Divine Energy cannot be sick or sorrowful — We are one with the Divine E. Therefore we cannot be sick or sorrowful.

And being wafted up into

the Great Magnet of all energy for the Divine Father and Mother; we should draw all men after us.

Let us seek more earnestly this sublime faith and works corresponding thereto & we need wait no longer for the Millennium, "Then the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to "Zion with singing, & everlasting joy "shall be upon their heads; they shall "obtain gladness & peace, & sorrow & sighing "shall flee away". Isaiah LI. v. 11.